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The Three Thousand

Already new subscriptions are beginning to come in, and it is our purpose to push the work until we have reached the number. Much of this work must be done between this and Christmas, and we urge our agents everywhere to make a thorough canvass of the field. There is no better time than the present to do this work. New subscribers get the paper from now to the end of the year 1900 for the price of a year's subscription, \$1.50.

Change In the Quarterly

Beginning with January 1, 1900, both Brethren and Youth's Quarterlies will be enlarged and otherwise improved. It has been our constant aim to keep the Quarterly up to a high standard. We have given special study to the needs of our schools and have endeavored to adapt our Helps to these needs.

Studies In the Gospels

Beginning with January 1, 1900, our Sunday-school lessons will be studies in the life of Christ for a period of eighteen months. This affords an excellent opportunity to make the life of the Christ a special study.

Agents Wanted

The Brethren Publication Board is prepared to furnish profitable employment to young people in every congregation thru-out the brotherhood. Write us for particulars.

Improvements In Railway Switch Devices

The modern interlocking railway switch arrangement has been found a valuable invention. Its importance was first recognized by the Pennsylvania Lines, on which it is largely used. During 1898 a number of new plants have been placed on that system, one of the largest in Pennsylvania having just been thrown open for use on the Pan Handle Route near Pittsburg.

Do you wish to purchase a Bible? Let us make you a price. We can save you money. Send for our catalog. It will be sent for the asking.

Literary Notes

THE COMPANION FOR THE REST OF 1899

During the remaining weeks of 1899 *The Youth's Companion* will maintain its fresh and varied interest for young and old by presenting articles from the pens of eminent men and women and stories by the most gifted writers of fiction.

Among these contributors will be Frank R. Stockton, who presents a droll story, "The Wolf and the Wheelbarrow;" James Bryce, author of "The American Commonwealth," who offers "Hints on Reading;" W. D. Howells and Jane Barlow, each of whom contributes a serial story; Bret Harte, who recalls an early California experience in "How I Went to the Mines;" Mary E. Wilkins, who tells of "Sereny Maria at School;" and Henry M. Stanley, who under the title, "For Life and Liberty," relates a thrilling adventure of his travels in Darkest Africa.

The November and December numbers containing these features are given to every new subscriber for the 1900 volume free from the time subscription is received, in addition *Companion's* exquisite Calendar for 1900—the last Calendar of the century and the most beautiful one ever given to *Companion* subscribers.

Illustrated Announcement Number containing a full prospectus of the volume for 1900, will be sent free to any address.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION,

203 Columbus Avenue, Boston, Mass.

For variety of reading the November number of the *Self Culture Magazine* is remarkable. Boys and girls will eagerly scan the description of Halloween customs in "Nut crack Night." The student of current events will welcome the paper entitled "The Transvaal—Boer versus Briton," with its review of the warlike situation in Africa and its accompanying map; also the discussion of "Have We a Duty to the Philippines?" The university man and the educator will take a lively interest in the article on "Yale University," with its superb illustrations, while those with a bent for biography and literary papers will enjoy sketches of "Frederick Tennyson" and "Angelica Kauffmann," and the papers on Walt Whitman's Work and "The Goethe Celebration in Frankfurt,"—the latter with a fine full page engraving of the festival at Goethe's monument. "An Architect's Plaint" may set some to wondering why the names of the designers of our finest buildings are almost unknown to those who daily view their magnificent productions. A charming historical paper is that entitled "Greenwich, Its Kings, Queens, and Heroes," and interesting articles on American history are found in "Civilizing Indians," and "Chickamauga and Chattanooga." Address SELF CULTURE MAGAZINE, Akron, O.

Among the interesting features of the November *Chautauquan* we mention the following:

"Highways and Byways." State ownership of railroads as an issue in Massachusetts. Free university education in Missouri. Juvenile courts in Illinois. Perpetual copyright law. The Rockefeller monolith. Literary gossip. With cartoons and illustrations. Editorial.

Topics of the Hour: England and the South African problem. A two page bibliography showing where to obtain the best information. With map.

Word-Coinage by Living American Authors: By Leon Mead. Letters from Donald G. Mitchell, F. Marion Crawford, Robert J. Burdette, Harriet Prescott Spofford, Moses Coit Tyler, and twenty other writers.

School Children who Govern Themselves. An experiment in New York City. By Lucy A. Yendes, author of "Preston Papers."

Christianity and Socialism By Dr. Washington Gladden.

Rational Etiquette in Social Life. A Practical Life paper. By Agnes H. Morton, author of "Our Conversation Circle."

The Expansion of the American People. Chap. V VIII. An account of life in the English Colonies, the struggle for the Mississippi valley, national boundaries and the public domain. With many unique illustrations. By Prof. Edwin Erle Sparks.

The Paris of Today. "A Reading Journey Thru France." With bibliography for Reading Clubs. Illustrated. By Madame Jeanne Marion.

Progress of Municipal Socialism since 1893. By Prof. Richard T. Ely and Dr. Thomas K. Urdahl.

In the November Magazine Number of *The Outlook* the strongest feature in the world of politics and history is the authorized interview with Dr. J. G. Schurman President of the Philippine Commission. Dr. Schurman in this interview talked with considerable freedom, altho in some points with the reserve imposed upon him by his official position. This statement of Dr. Schurman's view is the most authoritative and fullest that has been made public. Another timely article is a sketch of the two military leaders in the Transvaal war, Sir Redvers Buller and General Joubert, with excellent portraits of both. In the literary world the best article is that by Augustine Birrell on Samuel Johnson and on the Johnson Club, illustrated by quaint and interesting pictures. Industrial and economic interest is afforded by the article on "The Northern Farm" in Mr. Charles B. Spahr's series called "America's Working People." Other illustrated features of note are Mr. William Durban's account of the opening of Siberia by the great Trans-Siberian Railway, which has the title "From Moscow to Vladivostok;" Clifton Johnston's "The Lakes of Killarney," illustrated by photographs taken by the author; a description of "An English Village Public House," owned and controlled by an English clergyman and commonly known as "The Parson's Public;" and a picturesque account of the life of Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota, based upon his just-published autobiography, and containing a fine portrait. Another biographical feature is a similar account of the life of the distinguished English preacher, Robert W. Dale, which also has a fine portrait. Stories, poems, a sermon by Dr. Greer, together with news and editorial departments, complete a varied and timely number. (\$3.00 a year. THE OUTLOOK COMPANY, New York.)

SERMON ECHOES

LOUIS S. BAUMAN

Formalism is the bane of Christendom.

If you are saved, your cat knows it.

The road to heaven is all up grade.

Omnipotent love exhausted itself in Christ.

A "play party" is a dance without a fiddle.

Double lock your chicken-coop, when your neighbor says he "can't sin."

You may argue down a man's theology, but you cannot argue down his life.

Some people get religion in five minutes! *Mushrooms!* Oaks take years to grow!

Religion is piety, in action.

A certificate of church-membership is not a thru ticket to heaven.

Some of the biggest scoundrels in this world have hung the crucifix about their necks, or, have shaded their pious faces with broad brimmed hats. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

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